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20th ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN, AUDITORS

AND

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

OF THE

TOWN OF HOOKSETT,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

MARCH 1, 1864.

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## AUDITORS' REPORT.

### *Expenditures from March 1863, to March 1864.*

Paid State Tax, 1863,	\$1.115 14
County Tax, 1863,	801 00
School District No. 1,	124 66
2,	192 01
3,	79 24
4,	104 43
5,	78 49
6,	68 48
7,	151 88
8,	36 05
9,	95 19
Selectmen's bills 1862,	227 73

### *Paid Conscripts.*

Benjamin Gross,	300 00	Royal L. Pingree,	300 00
Martin V. Garland,	300 00	Matthew Cate,	300 00
Simeon S. Mardin,	300 00	Jerome B. Titus,	300 00
Oscar N. Goodale,	300 00	Benjamin A. Ham,	300 00

### *Paid Volunteers.*

Charles Wilson,	\$400 00	John Star,	400 00
Michel Gallagher,	400 00	John Bennett,	400 00
James M. Mauger,	400 00	John Bartlett,	400 00
Francis Lessiner,	400 00	James Bartlett,	400 00
Wm. H. Roake,	400 00	Peter Duclar,	400 00
John Lindery,	400 00	Moses Duclar,	400 00
William Smith,	400 00	Wm. Schmidt,	400 00

### *Aid to Soldiers' Families to March 1, 1864.*

Margarette C. Poor,	143 60	Mary Carr,	143 60
Sophia Vervelle,	143 60	E. Lakin,	143 60
H. Gould,	101 20	F. Clark,	143 60
M. Prescott,	143 60	Elmira Clay,	107 60
Mary Miller,	95 74	M. H. Ormston,	47 87
J. Robinson,	96 00	Martha Lincoln,	96 00
Jane Dunbar,	32 00	H. M. Putman,	96 00
Ellen Eastman,	96 00	A. George,	96 00
Esther Wallace,	48 00	V. Tarrier,	144 00

C. M. Towle,	96 00	C. Clark,	48 00
Mary Clay,	28 00	C. Duprey,	20 00
Lorinda Rowell,	28 00	Alden George,	16 00

*Abatement on Tax List of 1862.*

Rufus Martin,	\$8 91
Elliott Chickering,	7 62
G. W. Thompson,	1 86
Moulton Knowles,	5 70

*Abatement on Tax of 1862.*

J. S. Cheney,	4 00
Josiah Taylor,	7 79
Eri Poor,	1 00
Reuben Kimball,	2 05
Moulton Knowles,	5 00
John Kimball,	2 28
Frank Wyat,	2 28
Edward Wyat,	2 28
Thomas Rowe,	3 80

James Ordway, jr., for snowing bridge,	12 00
Moses Quimby, for cleaning town house,	4 00
Moses Quimby, for taking care of D. Prescott,	20 00
James B. Ordway, sawing wood town house,	50
C. W. James, for services as Selectman, 1862,	4 37
John L. Garland, labor on highway 1861,	20 06
William Sanborn, services 1862,	3 25
Geo. Davis, 2d, 1 year's salary poor farm agent, 1862,	200 00
James Ordway, support of family,	47 00
L. F. Davis, board and clothing child from Jan, 13, 1863, to March 1, 1864,	69 00
Geo. Davis, 2d, furniture for poor farm,	13 71
S. F. Head, lighting bridge 7 months to March 12, 1863,	10 50
J. W. Prescott, 2 bush. rye poor farm,	3 75
H. E. Robie, black-smith bill 1862,	8 45
D. C. Smith, insurance on bridge,	31 25
Sumner Ordway, boarding Martha Page county bill,	12 00
Parker & Johnson, services in bridge suit,	79 71
James N. Paker, services &c.,	482 39
Plummer & Chandler, clothing Dustin Rowell, county paupers,	9 00
Joseph T. Goss, interest on notes, Manchester Bank,	99 05
Geo. W. Cheney, damage to house by defect in highway,	70 00
John L. Garland, for cash paid for blank books, stationery,	8 45
John L. Garland, for labor on highway 1863,	12 00



Jesse Gault, note and interest,	387 06
C. W. James, labor on highway,	160 00
F. H. Watson, " " 1851,	4 68
" " " 1862,	6 22
Nancy Converse, for board and clothing up to March 1864, of L. Converse child,	52 00
Harvey Dennison money assessed school district No. 9,	20 00
J. W. Prescott tax and cost on lot 61 illegally taxed,	2 89
S. M. Sargent for lighting bridge,	12 00
J. W. Prescott tax and cost on lots 95 and 96 illegally taxed,	32 01
T. J. Otterson tax and cost on Clement place illegally taxed,	5 47
Josiah Clark tax and cost on Harvey place illegally taxed,	4 65
Harvey Dennison paid for blanks,	2 70
lighting bridge 1 month,	1 50
Eastman & Cross advice 1861 and 1862,	10 00
I. A. Eastman term fees action against Hardy and Converse 1862,	18 00
B. J. Gile note and interest,	1,208 87
J. L. Garland labor on highway,	64 21
Dana Rowe labor on highway,	18 00
Isaac Lewis as Auditor and procuring reports 1862,	5 00
Moses L. Walton labor on Chester turnpike,	22 00
J. H. Wilkins interest on Sophia Chandler's, Francis Wilkins' and J. H. Wilkins' notes,	318 35
C. W. James funeral expenses J. W. Collings,	14 50
John L. Garland interest on N. H. Savings Bank note to Nov. 6 1863,	157 47
Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Co.,	4 97
J. L. Garland clothing furnished Stephen Banks pauper,	14 00
J. H. Wilkins abatement of taxes on land taxed to Campbell, Kennard & Hall 1861,	13 26
Darius Wilson labor on highway,	12 64
M. Leffingwell services as Superintending school committee, 1863,	50 00
Josiah Clark for taxes paid in labor,	146 83
David D. Dennison for one cow Poor Farm,	28 00
George A. Robie services Town Clerk 1863,	5 00
recording births, deaths and marriages,	5 00
notifying jurors and stationery furnished,	5 00
bill for blacksmithing for Poor Farm,	8 87
N. Mitchell for wood Town House,	1 00
H. B. Otterson taking care of hearse,	5 00
Fanny Brown for interest on note,	90 00
S. Chandler interest on note,	123 60

Prescott & Silver oil for bridge,	34
goods furnished Poor Farm,	12 96
Joseph Fuller shoe bill for paupers,	7 81
J. T. Goss oil for bridge,	16 18-
4 1-2 feet wood Town House,	2 52
services as Town Treasurer 1861,	5 00
goods due James Ordway,	5 00
1 pair boots Eastman county pauper,	3 75
1 bbl flour to Banks,	9 50
2 pair boots for Clay boys,	6 75
balance of Poor Farm account,	165 91
Joel Parker services in bridge suit,	300 00
H. Dennison cash paid on account of pauper county	
charge,	5 00
work on bridge,	1 75
expenses of Clay boys,	5 25
paid for sawing wood Town House,	75
lighting and warming Town House for	
county school commissioner,	1 00
N. Head interest on money for volunteers,	56 00
H. Gage medical attendance D. Rowell,	3 50
J. Ordway,	7 38
H. Gage recording deaths and marriages 1862,	85
S. Head bill reported 1862 but not paid,	8 20
Fogg Hadley & Co., printing reports March 1863,	24 00
J. M. Garland for watering place,	3 00
Ira Howe,	3 00
Daniel B. Wilson,	3 00
J. M. Garland lumber for bridges,	32 37
Thomas Currier,	1 00
T. N. Head for lead pipe for Poor Farm,	70
Balance in hands of collector,	575 56
treasurer,	1.470 26
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#### *Receipts of Treasurer.*

Amount in treasury 1863,	\$399 10
John W. Prescott tax list 1862,	539 29
George Davis 2d agent Poor Farm,	3 25
Amoskeag Manufacturing Co. bridge damage,	3.820 07
Merrimack county,	182 75
Josiah Clark tax list 1863,	5.325 35
Literary fund,	102 35
State N. H. money paid soldiers' families,	1.924 48
United States Government first instalment,	682 00
J. T. Angel account L. F. Davis,	61 83



State bounty to volunteers,	1.400 00
D. C. Sterrett agent of Poor Farm,	41 67
Selectmen,	5.800 00
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We have examined the accounts of O. T. Marshall, Treasurer of the town of Hooksett, and find the same well vouched and the foregoing is a true statement thereof.

HORACE GAGE, }  
SAMUEL HEAD, } *Auditors.*

### SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

#### *Liabilities of the Town.*

Agent of Poor Farm one year's salary,	\$225 00
Mary E. Kimball two notes, each 1000, three years interest due April 25 1864,	2.360 00
Sophia Chandler note 1000, one year interest due April 15 1864,	1.060 00
Sophia Chandler note 1000, interest paid to Feb. 23 1864,	1.000 00
J. H. Wilkins notes 1500, interest paid to March 15 1864,	1.500 00
Fanny Brown note 1500, interest paid to Feb. 3 1864,	1.500 00
J. P. Osgood note 1000, two years interest due April 1 1864,	1.120 00
Manchester Bank note 1200, interest due from June 1 1863;	1.248 00
Manchester Bank note 2500, interest due from June 1 1863,	2.600 00
N. H. Savings Bank note 700, interest due from May 6 1863,	713 30
Horace Gage note 500, dated September 1862, eighteen months interest due,	545 00
J. H. Wilkins note 1500, dated Nov. 1 1863, due Nov. 1 1863 four months interest,	1.530 00
N. H. Savings Bank note 2000, dated Jan. 5 1864,	2.000 00
Eliza Prescott notes 1000, dated Jan. 1 1864,	1.000 00
Martin S. Otterson note 500, dated Jan. 1864,	500 00
Mendell Sampson note 800, dated Jan. 1864,	800 00
Selectmen bills for 1863,	239 28
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	\$19.940 58

*Amount Due the Town.*

J. W. Prescott collector for 1862,	156 19
Josiah Clark collector for 1863,	575 56
County of Merrimack,	8 00
State of New Hampshire for aid to soldiers' families,	1.761 60
United States bounty for volunteers,	3.546 00
For support of S. Converse,	367 00
Amount in treasury,	1.470 26
Railroad tax,	275 90
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	\$8.160 51
Balance against the town,	\$11.780 07

*Expenditures of the Poor Farm.*

Paid as follows:

J. T. Goss, store bill,	\$202 96
Prescott Silver's bill,	12 96
George Davis, 2d.	
1 lb. tobacco,	70
1 bushel apples, 70, 1 bottle peppermint 10,	80
24 lb fresh fish,	96
3 pairs feeting,	1 50
1 glass lantern,	75
1 bedstead and cord,	50
1 table 2 00, 1 clock 3 00, 1 boiler 1 50,	6 50
6 chains,	2 00
Thread and buttons,	30
6 paper curtains,	36
3 caps 1 50, 1 1-2 yds. pant cloth 63,	2 13
Linen thread 10, 3 paper curtains 36,	46
1 hat 13, 1 butter stamp 13,	26
1 paper needles 5, 1 hat 20,	25
1 quart alcohol,	30
8 lbs. fresh fish,	40
1 paper pins 8, 1 hat 18, 2 lbs. tobacco 1 20,	1 46
1 door key,	20
Crackers 25, soldering tin 25,	50
Mr. Morgan use of bull,	1 00
Fresh fish 36, 1 paper pins 8,	44
Thread and buttons 30, 2 ounces anguintum 16,	46
Tin ware,	50
1 quart rum 25, 1 ounce camphor, 13,	38
1 comb 12, 2 bbls. apples 3 00,	3 12
William F. Head for boards,	3 50
Planing boards,	80
1 candle mould,	75



Onions,	43
John Young use of horse,	65
1 paper needles, 5, 4 doz. pins 16,	21
Jacob Noyes, meat bill,	5 47
I. C. Otterson 3 pigs,	7 50
William K. Head 3 bushels rye,	3 75
John Young 54 lbs. pork,	6 48
D. C. Sterrett 50 lbs. pork,	6 00
" " " 7 gallons vinegar,	1 40
I. C. Otterson horse to mill,	50
G. N. Head lead pipe,	70
Geo. A. Robie blacksmith bill,	8 87
Joseph Fuller shoe bill, town and county paupers,	7 81
Paid town treasury,	41 67

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*Receipts of the Town Farm.*

H. Dennison for potatoes and butter,	5 06
J. S. Tucker for potatoes,	1 80
" " " " labor,	6 80
William K. Head potatoes and butter,	7 00
" " " " labor,	5 00
Mr. Wood labor,	90
C. W. Jones for potatoes,	3 60
For labor—Peter Rowell,	2 00
Aldin George,	85
Nat Green,	50
William F. Head,	3 80
P. H. Fuller,	3 00
Nat Otterson pasturing cow,	2 00
Jesse Gault labor,	4 00
John Young labor,	18 70
For one hide,	5 58
Digging graves,	2 00
Asa Lane for labor,	60
William Sanborn labor,	5 00
Nat. Head 1 bushel corn,	1 25
D. C. Elliott labor,	2 50
Samuel Head labor,	1 50
J. T. Goss 11 doz. eggs,	1 25
10 bushels of potatoes,	5 00
labor,	31
I. C. Otterson labor,	8 00
John Young 10 lbs tallow,	1 10
Peddler 3 doz. eggs,	51
Mr. Bean 5 bushels of oats,	3 50
For Mr. Straw	40

Peddler,

1 12

Cash in treasury,

\$135 72

202 94

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*Invoice of property at Poor Farm.*

5 cattle 250 00, 24 fowls 9 00,	259 00
8 tons hay, 131 00, straw and corn fodder, 10,	141 00
3 shotes 44, 8 bushels beans 24,	68 00
36 bushels oats 27 00, 1-2 bushel peas 1 00,	28 00
2 bushels rye 3 00, 28 flour barrels 4 67,	7 67
30 bushels corn 45 00,	45 00
Farming tools 125 00, 2 1-2 M. lumber, 2500,	150 00
266 bushels potatoes 106 40, 1 bbl. beef 16 00,	122 40
1 1-2 bbl. pork 37 50, 1 bushel beets 50,	38 00
20 gallons vinegar 3 83, 2 cider casks 2 00,	5 83
2 bbls. soap 7 00, 50 lbs. cheese, 8 33,	15 33
2 gallons pickles 50, 40 lbs. butter 11 20,	11 70
190 lbs. ham 30 00, 35 lbs. fresh beef 3 50,	33 50
25 lbs. tallow 3 75, 50 lbs. lard 8 33,	12 08
40 lbs. soap grease 3 60, 160 lbs. dried apples 16 00,	19 60
2 bags meal 5 50, 1-2 bbl. flour 5 25,	10 75
1-2 bushel rye meal 75, 20 lbs. candles, 3 60,	4 35
10 beds and bedding,	120 00
Household furniture,	90 00
Crockery ware 20 00, groceries 5 00, tin ware, 12 00,	37 00

\$1.219 21*Expenditures for support of Paupers at Town Farm.*

Agents' salary, one year,	225 00
Interest on cost of farm,	150 00
Invoice of stock and produce 1862,	912 13
Amount received from treasury,	202 94

\$1.490 07

Deduct invoice of stock and produce on hand,

\$1.219 21

Amount received from County,

165 75

Due from County,

8 00

Amount paid treasury,

41 67

\$1.434 63

Making expenses of paupers at the poor farm, \$55 44



*Individuals supported on Town Farm.*

Noah Lawrence	52 weeks.
Ephraim Eastman	52
James S. Kemp	28
Dustin Rowell	10
James Otterson	52
Mehitable Otterson	52
Moses Underhill	52
Susan Abbott	52
Frank A. Clay	52
John H. Clay	52
Nicholas R. Clay,	52
Nicholas Doloff	52
James Prescott	52
Mary F. Allen	11
Henry Clay	21
Harvey Clay,	21
Transients,	3
Total	666 weeks.

—1863.— *Town of Hooksett to J. L. Garland.* —Dr.—

One day preparing Collector's bond,	\$2 00
One-half day warning school meeting in Rowe's District,	1 00
at Poor Farm,	1 00
Five and one-half days taking invoice,	11 00
Four days regulating invoice,	8 00
Two days making taxes,	4 00
Surveyor's book,	4 00
One day dividing school money,	2 00
One-half day on town business,	1 00
on town business,	1 00
recording soldiers' list,	1 00
distributing Surveyors' books,	1 00
One day on town business,	2 00
One day to Manchester on town business,	2 00
One-half day dividing school money,	2 00
on town business,	1 00
to Poor Farm with pauper,	1 00
to Manchester to settle with Cheney,	1 00
on town business,	4 00
copying invoice,	2 00
to Manchester on town business,	2 00
making orders,	2 00
on town business,	2 00
making orders,	1 00
on town business,	1 00
attending jury meeting,	1 00
One day to Concord and expenses,	3 00

One-half day to Poor Farm,	1 00
One-half day making orders,	1 00
One day on town business,	2 00
Cash paid for stamps,	80
One day to hire money for town,	2 00
to Concord to pay interest to N. H. Savings Bank note, and expense,	3 00
on town business,	2 00
to Concord on account of soldiers,	3 00
One-half day making warrant town meeting,	1 00
One day to Concord and expenses on account of conscripts,	3 00
making orders,	1 00
to Concord and expenses on account of volunteers,	3 00
regulating jury box,	1 00
to Concord and expenses,	3 00
on town business,	2 00
Concord to hire money for town expenses,	3 00
on town business,	1 00
Hooksett on town business,	1 00
Manchester on town business,	1 00
settling accounts,	
making check-list and warrant,	4 00
to Manchester on town business,	1 00
taking invoice at Poor Farm,	2 00

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*Town of Hooksett to C. W. James—Dr.*

To 1 day preparing Collector's and Treasurer's bonds,	\$1 50
1-2 day on town business,	75
1 day taking invoice at Poor Farm,	1 50
6 1-2 days taking invoice at Poor Farm,	11 37
4 days regulating inventory,	6 00
2 days making taxes,	3 00
1 day preparing surveyors' books,	1 50
1 day on town business,	1 50
1-2 day to Hooksett,	75
Manchester on town business,	75
Hooksett on town business,	75
call town meeting,	75
on town business,	75
to Hooksett,	75

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*Town of Hooksett to Harvey Dennison—Dr.*

To 1-2 day on town business,	75
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1 day to hire agent,	2 50
1-2 day to assist pauper,	75
1 day to J. L. Garland's,	1 50
1-2 day on town business,	1 25
1 day taking invoice at Poor Farm,	1 50
6 1-2 days taking invoice and expenses,	13 00
1-2 day on road,	75
4 days regulating inventory,	6 00
4 days making taxes,	6 00
2 days preparing collector's book and surveyors' warrants,	3 00
1-2 day on town business,	1 25
2 days making return of soldiers' families account to State and expenses,	4 00
1 day on town business,	1 50
1-2 day on town business and expenses,	1 25
1 day dividing school money,	1 50
1 day to Manchester on town business,	2 50
Cash paid for advice,	1 00
1-2 day on town business and expenses,	1 25
1 day,	1 50
1 day, to J. L. Garland's,	1 50
2 days copying,	3 00
1-2 day on town business and expenses,	1 00
1-2 day attending juror meeting,	75
1 day to Concord on account of conscripts,	2 50
1-2 day to call town meeting,	75
1 day on account of conscripts,	1 50
1-2 day to hire money,	1 50
1 day on town business and expenses,	2 00
1 day, to Concord to hire money,	2 50
settling for volunteers,	1 50
on town business and expenses,	2 50
to Concord on county pauper business,	2 50
Cash paid for revenue stamps,	80
Cash paid for revenue stamps,	2 19
2 days settling town accounts,	3 00
1 day taking account of property at Farm,	1 50
1 day to Concord for bounty money,	2 50
Cash paid for stationery &c.,	1 62
Making orders and expenses on account of soldiers' families,	9 00
Preparing reports,	2 00
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	\$101 86

JOHN L. GARLAND, } Selectmen of  
HARVEY DENNISON, } Hooksett.

## REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

To the citizens of the town of Hooksett. Your Committee having attended to the duties assigned him, respectfully submits the following Report:

The education of a community may be regarded as a fair measure of its civilization, refinement and material prosperity. It is education more than anything else, that has made New England with its sterile and stubborn soil, and severe climate, what it is. There is not a section of the same extent and population on the globe, however genial its climate, and fertile its soil, that can compare favorably with us in the extent, variety, magnitude and success, of scientific, mechanical and industrial enterprise. It is true that much of the same spirit may be found in the Middle and Western States, but for the most part it had its birth in New England. Our intelligent and energetic young men, fitted by climate, hardship, industry and culture, have gone forth to make their mark upon society in every part of our country, and have taken foremost rank in the great work of moulding the civil, political and moral destiny of the nation. Evidently the New England mind is to-day exerting a controlling influence in our national affairs, an influence that is powerfully felt also in every civilized nation. It is well known that this great measure of energy and success has its origin in our excellent system of common schools—a system which, though it be not faultless, is probably the best ever devised. “Knowledge is power,” and our schools are the fountains whence this power is derived. They constitute the most powerful defence of our national liberties. The seeds of the *great rebellion* which is rolling its waves of sorrow over our land, were sown, and the bitter fruit matured, in a State where the common school is unknown, and where the masses of the people can neither read nor write their names. It is now regarded as a self evident proposition, that a republican form of government cannot be permanently maintained where those holding the balance of power are uneducated. It is then one of the first duties of the *patriot*, to give his earnest support to the cause of education generally, and especially in his own State and town.

I am happy in being able to say that a fair degree of prosperity has attended our schools generally; and that, in some important respects, the improvement has been quite remarkable; but at the same time it is painfully evident that still greater improvement is loudly called for. We are sending large sums of money out of town for instruction which might be obtained at home, at a much cheaper rate, if our schools were what they ought to be. Our teachers have generally labored very faithfully, and in nearly every instance, have rendered a full equivalent for the wages received. Our winter schools, however, are embarrassed for want of an adequate supply of *competent teachers*. There is a lack of *such* teachers in the market at the present time, especially in this vicinity. This deficiency is accounted for in part, by the fact that many of the *male* teachers have either gone to fight the great battle of liberty, or have entered into vacancies occasioned by the departure of others,



hence none but females have been employed in town the past season. I would not, by any means, insinuate that there are not any female teachers competent to teach and govern our most difficult schools, but that such teachers are not *sufficiently numerous* to supply the demand. It is very evident that some of our districts will find it necessary to go back to the old custom of employing male teachers in their winter schools, even should they have to pay much higher wages.

The fault with some of our teachers is, they are not sufficiently progressive; they do not seem to be aware that the world moves—that everything is advancing around them. They appear to be destitute of a literary turn of mind, and wanting in studious habits. Such teachers ought to know that approbation which they may have received three or four years ago, is no sufficient evidence of their present fitness to teach. Our schools are advancing—our school books are more thoroughly scientific and more difficult to teach than in former years, especially our Arithmetics and Grammars; hence, some of our teachers, though competent to teach these branches to *some extent*, have not been able to furnish all the assistance which the more advanced scholars have required. Nor is this an evil that can be easily corrected, as the standard of literary qualification on the part of teachers, could not have been perceptibly raised without rejecting one half of the teachers presented. This evil is also sometimes enhanced by incompetent teachers whose want of *modesty* allows them to commence their schools before securing official approbation, assuming that such approbation will be granted as a matter of course. Much trouble would be saved if teachers would, in every instance, present themselves for examination one or two weeks before the time appointed for the school to commence.

Prudential Committees, also, by having an eye on this matter, might render more valuable service to their respective districts.

Much has been done the past season to secure a greater uniformity of books in our schools—not by introducing *new ones*, but by obtaining a more general use of some which had been already introduced; especially Greenleaf's series of Arithmetics, and Brown's series of Grammar, which are the only books on these subjects now *authorized in town*.

The Table subjoined will present the main facts developed in the progress of each of our schools for the past year, and give, perhaps, a better relative idea of their real condition than could be expressed in words, assuming what is generally admitted, that punctuality and regularity of attendance, furnish evidence of the acceptability of teachers, and interest on the part of parents and scholars. It will be necessary to make some allowance for those districts which are scattered over the greatest surface; for those schools of the greatest length, as well as for those districts which have generally been wanting in interest in the education of their children; otherwise the *figures* will not do full justice to some of our best teachers. It will also be necessary to compare the statistics of this year with those of some former years, to learn what progress is made.

In the year 1861, the average attendance was 76 per cent. of the whole number of scholars, in 1862 it was 79 per cent.; in 1863 it was 58 per cent.;

the present year it is 78 per cent., showing a gain of 20 per cent. in the regularity of attendance.

The number of children in town between 4 and 14 years, not attending school, is imperfectly reported.

The numerous instances of *tardiness* and *dismissal* indicate indifference on the part of parents. Teachers cannot be held responsible for scholars who are not in school but a part of each half day; hence it is for the interest of teachers to record every delinquency of this kind.

That the labor of superintending the schools may be appreciated, your Committee would state that he has made 57 visits, making the distance travelled for that purpose more than 280 miles, beside performing much other labor not indicated in this report.

## STATISTICAL TABLE.

No. of District.....	TEACHERS.	Wages per month....	Length in weeks....	No. of scholars.....	Average attendance..	Per ct. of attendance.	Not absent half day..	No. between 4 and 14 not attending school	No. of marks for tar- diness.....	Dismissals.....
1	Mrs. M. D. Lear.....	16	12 22	18 82	2	0	26	8		
	Mrs. M. D. Lear.....	16	12 22	17 77	3	1	38	30		
	Miss Emily Sanborn.....	18	10 40	32 80	3	14	112	85		
2	Miss S. W. Sanborn.....	20	10 28	17 61	0		56	25		
	Miss L. K. Hall.....	22	11 41	30 73	1		20	214		
3	Miss D. E. Haynes.....	15	10 33	25 76	4	3	125	29		
	Miss D. E. Haynes.....	15	9 37	28 76	2	4	217	23		
4	Miss P. A. Richardson.....	17	11 32	25 78	1	2	145	8		
	Miss P. A. Richardson.....	18	10 39	25 64	1	4	126	76		
5	Miss B. A. Eastman.....	14	12 24	19 79	0	0	38	17		
	Miss B. A. Eastman.....	16	10 25	21 84	2	1	76	18		
6	Miss H. L. Jones.....	12 66	7 21	18 86	5	4	40	4		
	Miss H. L. Jones.....	14	11 25	22 88	4	6	67	18		
7	Miss S. F. Otterson.....	18	14 32	24 75	0		256	38		
	Miss M. P. Clark.....	22	6 24	19 79	1		39	20		
8	Miss H. E. Leffingwell.....	13	8 15	14 93	1		92	13		
	Miss H. L. Jones.....	13	5 16	14 89	2	2	38	11		
9	Miss M. W. Thompson.....	16	11 23	15 65	0	0	78	13		
	Miss S. F. Otterson.....	20	8 19	16 84	0		36	25		

Respectfully submitted,

M. LEFFINGWELL, Supt. School Committee.

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